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## PATENT APPLICATION

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2005.

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) months in

responding to the Office Action dated March 14, 2005, on the above-identified patent

application. The extension extends the time to respond from June 14, 2005, to September

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14, 2005, and this petition, together with this Response to Office Action and a Terminal Disclaimer and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow the Response to Office Action to be submitted six (6) months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for a large entity, which is a \$1020.00 extension fee for response within the third month. A Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.20(d) is also due. The total thus due for this Response to Office Action is \$1150.00, and a check for the \$1150.00 for the extension fee and the Terminal Disclaimer fee is enclosed herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees required to secure the entry of this Response to Office Action and the acceptance of the Terminal Disclaimer, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.